

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 775

BY SENATOR CHABERT

ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Deletes the exemption from bridge tolls for publicly owned vehicles. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:972, relative to bridges; provides relative to free passage for publicly owned vehicles over toll bridges; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:972 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§972. Exemption from bridge tolls; certain public vehicles

Any ~~publicly owned vehicles and any~~ vehicle used in connection with or in furtherance of the mass transportation of the general public which is owned and operated by any person, firm, or corporation engaged in a publicly subsidized transit business or which is owned by a public body, shall have free and unhampered passage at all times over toll bridges which cross any river or stream in this state.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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DIGEST

Present law provides free and unhampered passage at all times over toll bridges which cross any river or stream in this state to any publicly owned vehicles and any vehicle used in connection with or in furtherance of the mass transportation of the general public which is owned and operated by a publicly subsidized transit business or by a public body.

Proposed law removes free passage for any publicly owned vehicle over toll bridges.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 48:972)